

Mr Lumbersexual

Action takes place on a blank stage except for 2 stools in the centre of stage (with 3 bottles of water and 3 hand towels near the stools) and a black 1 m by 1 m black slip-prevention mat stage right. The prop required is a microphone.

Cast:

The host - Amelia de Heer - Wears bright red lipstick, Large black frames and an oversized t-shirt with the slogan “I heart beards”, black tights and black ballet slippers.

Lumbersexual Contestant # 1 - Jack Montferrand - Hipster from Fitzroy, Melbourne

Lumbersexual Contestant # 2 - Hugh Pelletier - Hipster from Braddon, Canberra

Lumbersexual Contestant # 3 - Stirling Bunyan - Hipster from Bondi, Sydney

Play opens with Amelia de Heer standing in middle of stage. As lights open up to the stage, Amelia excitedly comes forward to address the audience.

Amelia: Helloooo! My name is Amelia and I am the President of the National Lumbersexual Appreciation Society. This society has been created to enjoy the Lumbersexual phase while it lasts. I adore men who like the outdoors, are rugged and most importantly of all, have a groomed beard. I love scruff and a five o'clock shadow. I can see we have a great crowd here tonight in this capital city of Canberra and I can see you are all pumped up! Clearly you all had your energy drinks before the show. Good on you! Thank you for being here for the inaugural Mr Lumbersexual grand finale. All across Australia we have searched high, low and underground for the one and only person who can hold the title of being Australia's best Lumbersexual. The winner tonight takes away \$5,000 and wins a place in the Mr Lumbersexual International Competition in Toronto, Canada! So let's get this contest rolling! The three contestants are Jack Montferrand from Fitzroy, Melbourne...

(Jack comes onto the stage confidently. He is wearing skinny jeans, a buttoned up red plaid shirt, with good quality hiking boots and a well-groomed beard.)

Amelia: Hugh Pelletier from Braddon Canberra....

(Hugh comes onto the stage. He is wearing standard jeans, a white t-shirt and a green cardigan, brown shoes and a well-groomed beard.)

Amelia: And Stirling Bunyan from Bondi, Sydney.

(Stirling comes onto the stage waving. He is wearing a tight v-neck t-shirt, skinny jeans, no socks and loafers. He also has a nice beard.)

Amelia: Well, Canberra is the place to be right now. All these beards are making me dizzy! *(Amelia addresses contestants)* The Lumbersexual Appreciation Society really appreciates you taking part in this contest and we wish each of you luck in winning the title of Mr Lumbersexual! *(Amelia addresses audience)* I'll now be interviewing each contestant and giving them challenges. It will be up to you, the audience, on who deserves the title! Ok, so Jack will stay here with me while Hugh and Stirling go backstage in lockdown to wait their turns. *(Addresses contestants)* Thank you guys.

(Hugh and Stirling go backstage while Jack and Amelia position themselves on the stools provided.)

Amelia: Hello Jack!

Jack: Hello Amelia.

Amelia: Ok, so I am going to touch your beard. Do I have your permission?

Jack: Of course. *(Puts his face forward as Amelia feels his beard.)*

Amelia: Oh that is nice. It feels luscious! What's your secret?

Jack: I use a beard conditioner.

Amelia: Nice! I can see you also have the perfect fade.

Jack: I am good with my hands and can use a beard trimmer expertly. I use the various number settings to get the fade effect.

Amelia: Awesome. So tell me Jack, how do you keep your bathroom clean? Do you have hair everywhere?

Jack: Well, I don't allow it to become an issue. I am a neat freak and use a beard trimmer that has a built-in vacuum.

Amelia: And how long does grooming your beard take?

Jack: Well each morning it can take up to 40 to 50 minutes. I take pride in my appearance.

Amelia: And so do me and the audience. Well I have 3 questions, which the audience will be judging you on so that the best person wins the title of Mr Lumberjack. Question number 1. If someone comes up to you waving a Gillette razor or a tub of Nads hair removal product. What do you do to protect your beard?

Jack: I run every morning so I think I have it in me to run away as fast as possible.

Amelia: Interesting. Question number 2. What are your 5 favourite things?

Jack: The outdoors, my yoga mat, plaid shirts, my fishing rod and craft beer

Amelia: Question number 3. What are 5 words you associate with the word “Wood”?

Jack: Trees, firm, nature, fire, forest

Amelia: Ok. You have now answered all 3 questions and now it’s time for the challenges. *(Amelia kisses Jack. Jack looks surprised)*. That was not bad. A soft beard and not ticklish at all. Ok. Now give me your manliest growl.

Jack: *(Growls)*

Amelia: Not bad! And now for the wet beard and t-shirt challenge.

(Jack unbuttons shirt to reveal white t-shirt, Amelia gets off stool and gets a bottle of water. Amelia walks Jack over to the black matting area. Amelia hands bottle of water to Jack.)

Amelia: Ok Jack so here is your chance to get wet and give the audience what you’ve got!

(Jack unbottles water bottle and starts pouring water over his face and over his shirt. At the end of this exercise, Amelia gives Jack a hand towel.)

Amelia: That was spectacular Jack. *(To the audience.)* Well that was Jack from Melbourne. Let’s give Jack a round of applause.

(Jack leaves stage and Hugh walks on.)

Amelia: So let’s now turn our attention to Hugh from Canberra.

(Amelia and Hugh sit on the stools).

Amelia: Hello Hugh!

Hugh: Hi Amelia.

Amelia: So it's your turn to have your beard felt up. You don't mind?

Hugh: Go right ahead. *(Puts his face forward as Amelia feels his beard)*

Amelia: Now, that feels thick! What's your secret?

Hugh: I eat lots of protein to make my beard thick. I also get prescriptions from my doctor to boost my male hormones.

Amelia Oh my, you're thick in all the right ways. Do you get many compliments on your beard?

Hugh: Not really. My boss bates it and my dates also don't like it either

Amelia: Oh I am sorry to hear. You know, the Lumbersexuals Appreciation Society is a safe space for persons with beards. Have you ever felt tempted to shave it all off to make other people happy?

Hugh: Sometimes, although I enjoy the time grooming my beard. It's like meditation. When everybody else is watching television, checking their emails or on social networking, I am in front of the mirror spending some quality time trimming my beard.

Amelia: And how long does grooming take?

Hugh: An hour each morning.

Amelia: Well that is dedication! And now for the 3 questions. Question number 1. If a date got mad at you and set your beard on fire what would you do?

Hugh: That actually happened to me once. I was lucky that I had a bottle of water nearby in the restaurant.

Amelia: Oh I am sorry to hear. Did you press charges?

Hugh: No. it was just unfortunate that the date didn't have a happy ending.

Amelia: Ok, moving onto question 2. What are your 5 favourite things?

Hugh: The outdoors, libraries, my pushbike, my MacBook, poetry.

Amelia: Question number 3. What are 5 words you associate with “Wood”?

Hugh: Timber, mahogany, plywood, paper, matchsticks.

Amelia: Ok. You have now answered all 3 questions and now it’s time for the challenges. *(Amelia Kisses Hugh. Hugh looks surprised)*. That was very ticklish, very strong stubble indeed. Ok. Now give me your manliest growl.

Hugh: *(Growls)*

Amelia: Sexy! And now for the wet beard and t-shirt challenge.

(Hugh takes off cardigan to reveal white t-shirt, Amelia gets off stool and gets a bottle of water. Amelia walks Hugh over to the black matting area. Amelia hands bottle of water to Hugh.)

Amelia: So Hugh, show us whether you deserve the title of Mr Lumbersexual.

(Hugh unbottles water bottle and starts pouring water over his face and over his shirt. At the end of this exercise, Amelia gives Jack a hand towel.)

Amelia: That was lovely Hugh. *(To the audience.)* Well that was Hugh from Canberra. Let’s give Hugh a round of applause.

(Hugh leaves stage and Stirling walks on.)

Amelia: Now that’s Stirling from Sydney.

(Amelia and Stirling sit on the stools).

Amelia: Hello Stirling!

Stirling: Hello Amelia.

Amelia: So I am now going to touch your beard. You happy for me to do that?

Stirling: No problem. *(Puts his face forward as Amelia feels his beard.)*

Amelia: That feels Very silky. What's your secret?

Stirling: I use a lot of shampoo on my beard.

Amelia: Yes I can smell the shampoo here. You're both masculine and scented.

Stirling: Thank you.

Amelia: So Stirling, why did you grow a beard?

Stirling: I felt like the media everywhere was saying having hair was a bad thing. I mean, I felt bombarded by laser hair removal ads and clean shaven guys everywhere. It got to a point where I wanted to be hairy. Not out of control hairiness but considered hairiness.

Amelia: Your hairiness is indeed very considered. And how long does it take you to groom your beard.

Stirling: Probably about 30-35 minutes each morning. I do have my own bathroom so I am not hogging it up for anyone else.

Amelia: Well I have 3 questions, which the audience will be judging you on to crown the best person Question number 1. You have been kidnapped and taken to a barber shop where your beard will be completely shaved off. What do you do?

Stirling: I use my incredible strength and martial arts skills to get the hell out of that situation.

Amelia: Well I certainly believe you. You have muscles. Ok. Question number 2. What are your 5 favourite things?

Stirling: The outdoors, woodworking tools, Instagram, good coffee, hiking.

Amelia: Question number 3. What are 5 words you associate with the word "Wood"?

Stirling: Ikea, chairs, tables, furniture, frameworks.

Amelia: Ok. You have now answered all 3 questions and now it's time for the challenge. *(Amelia kisses Stirling. Stirling looks surprised)*. That did tickle a little bit but your lips really made it through that forest. Ok. Now give me your manliest growl.

Stirling: *(Growls)*

Amelia: Love it! And now for the wet beard and t-shirt challenge.

(Stirling takes off his shirt to reveal a white t-shirt underneath, Amelia gets off stool and gets a bottle of water. Amelia walks Stirling over to the black matting area. Amelia hands bottle of water to Stirling)

Amelia: Go for it!

(Stirling unbottles water bottle and starts pouring water over his face and over his shirt. At the end of this exercise, Amelia gives Stirling a hand towel.)

Amelia: That was superb Stirling. *(To the audience.)* Well that was Stirling from Sydney. So let's now bring Jack and Hugh back onto the stage. *(Jack and Hugh walk onto stage.)* Please give your votes to the volunteers at the front desk. Ok, you've all done that? Great. I should be getting the envelope soon and then the Lumberjack Appreciation Society can announce the winner of tonight's contest. Ok the votes have been counted? Great, I'll just go and get the envelope. *(Amelia walks off stage. Then walks back on stage with an envelope).* Ok. The winner is... Masculinity! *(Lights out)*